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From the St. James Evening-Post. Decem. 36.

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THE clipped Money makes great Confusion in Commerce, and 'tis believed will be called in and recoin'd; near 20 per Cent. will be lost by it.

London, Decem. 26. On Monday last of these Dispatches, arrived in the River Thames from Scotland, one of the Ships belonging to the York Buildings Company, of 400 Tons, laden with Timber; and more are soon expected.

On Monday a large Bird was observed to sit on the very Top of the Cross at St. Paul's Cathedral; and there was great staring at it from the neighbouring Streets; some calling it by one Name, and some by another, not being able to discern by reason of the Haziness of the Weather; but those that viewed it by prospective Glasses, say it was a Heron, and when frightened away, the Manner of its Flight confirmed it. Long Concerts were given at Court, and he has had his first Audience of the King. Count Fretag, the Emperor's Envoy Extraordinary at this Court, set out this Day for Copenhagen with his Family.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, Dec. 25. The Duchesses of Orleans and Brunswick are

Paris, Decem. 24. The last Letters from Paris advise, That the Duke de Bourronville had delivered to the King a Report in Writing, touching the Situation of Affairs at Soissons; and that his Catholick Majesty was to have the Advice of his Ministers, what was best to be done for the general Good of the Kingdom.

Brussels, Decem. 30. The Ships which lay at Ostend-Point, ready to sail to the E. Indies, are come into Harbour to be repaired.

From the Post Boy, Decem. 26.

London, Decem. 26. As Men in their Travels are wont to see the Curiosities of the Places they vi-

London, Decem. 16. For two Days together, a Bird of a very large Size was seen this Week to perch on Top of the Cross of St. Paul's; which occasions great deal of Speculation 'mong the Prognosticators.

Friday last, a Gentleman who had lodg'd for some Years at a Milliner's near St. James's Square, as he was walking to and fro in the Park, hit every time the Water-wheel goes round, which Landlady stepped up to him: On a sudden he made as if to kiss her, but instead of doing so, he bit off her Nose, and 2 of her Fingers as gives Motion to all the other Wheels and Movements, he endeavoured to save herself.

"It contains 26586 Wheels, and 97746 Movements, which work 73726 Yards of Silk Thread every time the Water-wheel goes round, which is thrice in one Minute; in one Day and Night, 318,504,960 Yards. Altho' the Water-wheel gives Motion to all the other Wheels and Movements,

ments, yet any of them may be stopp'd separately. One Fire-Engine conveys warm Air to every Bit of the Work, and one Regulator governs all the Machine.

On Monday, an African Fowl called a Cormorant, settled upon the Top of St. Paul's Cross, and continued there till about 4 o'clock after Noon Yesterday, &c.

From the London Evening Post, Dec. 26.

Danzick, Dec. 18. The Duke of Mecklemburg has received an Express from Ratisbon, with Advice, That most of the States of the Empire seem to dispprove of the last Decree of the Aulick Council, in Regard to the Administration of the Dutchy of Mecklemburg, pretending that an Affair of so great Consequence cannot, nor ought not to be put in Execution, without the Consent of the several Colleges of the Empire. 'Tis advised from Warsaw, that many of the great Men of that Kingdom, have openly declared against the exorbitant Authority which the See of Rome assumes and exercises in Poland, and especially in what relates to the Collation of the vacant Benefices, and that they have resolved to make very strenuous Representations on this Subject at the ensuing General Diet.

Vienna, Dec. 18. Count William Sinzendorf, is set out to meet his Father the High Chancellor, who is expected here the 21st of this Month. The Abbot Molak is likewise set out to receive his Excellency at his Abbey. The Empress was Yesterday let Blood by Way of Precaution; and some will have it, that her Imperial Majesty is seven Weeks, or two Months gone with Child.

Hamburg, Dec. 24. Some Advices from Berlin say, that his Prussian Majesty had appointed M. de Borg to succeed the late Baron d'Ilgen in Quality of first Minister of State.

Hanover, Dec. 24. According to our Letters from Hamburg, the Conditions for an Accommodation proposed by the King of Denmark to the Regency of that City, are so very hard, that they cannot be perswaded to accept of them.

London, Dec. 26. All the Prince's Servants are to be in Liveries by the 19th of January next, his Royal Highness's Birthday.

His Royal Highness's four Coaches are also to

be got ready by that Time.

Letters from Commodore St. Loe in Jamaica, make mention of his being in a fair Way to recover his Health, and of a Difference which had happened between two Captains of the Squadron relating to Seniority, which however had been amicably adjusted.

Yesterday one of the Earl of Godolphin's Chimneys took Fire, and being near the Court there was a great Alarm, but the same was happily extinguished in a few Minutes.

From the Evening Post, Decem. 26.

Hamburg, Dec. 24. Yesterday Mr. Wicke, Envoy Extraordinary of Great Britain, was taken so ill at an Assembly, that he was obliged to be carried home, but this Day he is much better. They write from Verden, that the Princess Charlotte of Courland, Abbess of Herford, died there the first, aged 78 Years. And that the Margravine Dowager of Brandenburg should succeed her in that Dignity of which she was Coadjutrix.

Lisbon, Nov. 18. Cardinal Pereira arrived here the 13th instant from Estremas, having obtained his Majesty's Permission for that Purpose, but hitherto has not been able to get Leave to go to Court.

Paris, Dec. 24. We have a strong Report here, that one of the Spiritual Electors will resign his Ecclesiastical Preferments, and marry a Daughter of the Prince of Hesse-Darmstadt, Governor of Mantua.

Prices of Goods at Bear Key Yesterday.

Wheat, from 42 to 44. Rye, 24 to 27. Barley, 22 to 24. Oats, 14 to 18. Horse Beans, 2 to 27. Hog Pease, 24 to 26. Pease, 29 to 32. Pale Malt, 28 to 30. Brown Malt, 27 to 35. Tares, 20 to 22, all per Quarter.

Coals, 24 to 27 per Chaldron. Old Hops 25 to 35 lb. New Hops, 45 to 65 lb. per Hundred. Rape seed, 15 l. to 16 l. 10 sh. per Last.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Dec. 28.

Since our last arrived a Mail from Flanders and one from Holland.

WE have a Letter from Paris of the 27th Inst. assuring, that the Court has caused such new

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and powerful Instances to be made to that of Spain, ~~as his~~ his Catholick Majesty will declare such a Manner, as may bring the Congress of Soissons to a speedy and happy Conclusion.

Meantime they add, that the Negotiations are in a manner suspended, and will continue to be so, until such time as they have received the Answer of the several Couriers sent to Vienna, Madrid and G. Britain.

According to some Advices from Madrid, his Catholick Majesty has appointed the Count of San Estivan his First Plenipotentiary to the Congress, in room of the Duke de Bournonville, who was very busy in making an exact Report of all that had pass'd in the Congress, in order to the King's taking a final Resolution.

'Tis said his Catholick Majesty has received Assurances from the Emperor, That he will bearken to no Propositions but what shall be agreeable to him.

It seems the Galleons are daily expected at Cadiz, by which the K. of Spain will be able to make great Remittances to the Emperor.

On the other Hand we are told from Vienna, That the Grand Duke of Toscany's Minister at that Court had presented a Memorial protesting against the Measures that are taking in favour of the Intant Don Carlos; That on the 23d Instant Count Sinzendorf the Emperor's first Plenipotentiary arrived there, and immediately had an Audience of his Imperial Majesty; who, 'tis said had received Advice from his Minister at Moscow, That the Czar persists in his Resolution of coming to Vienna.

According to some Advices from Stockholm, the King of Sweden will be able to send to Sea next Spring a Fleet of 36 Men of War, and to take the Field with an Army of 27,000 Foot and 3000 Horse; besides 8000 Militia.

The King's Speech to the Parliament is exceedingly longed for, in order to know what we are to depend upon with respect to Peace or War. As to what is reported of 18 or 20 Men of War being put into Commission, and Land Forces to be raised, we are assured that nothing will be done in relation thereto till the Parliament meet, and a final Answer comes from Spain to the last Propositions;

and we think notwithstanding that Crown has so long stood out, the said Answer will prove pacific, particularly from the Sincerity and Steadiness of all our Allies, to adhere to their Engagements.

The Encouragement given to our Seamen will furnish us with these useful Hands, as often as Occasion requires.

We hear his Majesty has promised the Directors of Greenwich Hospital, That the Governors thereof, after the Death of Sir John Jennings, shall be Sea-Officers in Half pay, and that their Salaries shall be only 500 l. and the other 500 l. to go for the Encouragement of Seamen.

Yesterday Morning died Sir Thomas Johnson, formerly Member for Liverpool.

Yesterday one Baker, concerned with 5 or 6 others, (committed some time ago to the County Jail of Southwark for corrupting the Post Boys riding the Kent Road, whereby they opened some of the Bags, and took out divers Bank-notes, &c.) was seized at Comberwell.

Last Thursday died the Lord Willoughby de Brook, Dean of Windsor.

The same Day the Form of Government was settled for Gibraltar and Portmahon.

From the London Evening-Post, Dec. 28.

Madrid, Dec. 14. The Report we had, that the King intended to assemble the Cortez or States of the Kingdom, seems to have been ill grounded. We hear from Cadiz, That two Vessels were lying in that Port ready to sail for the Indies, and that the Galleons were daily expected there under Convoy of 28 Men of War and several Fregates. The Duke of Richmond set out from hence Yesterday for Gibraltar, highly satisfied with the Honours that had been shown him at this Court.

Berlin, Dec. 24. An Officer whom the Court dispatched some Time ago to London, returned hither Yesterday with Letters from the King of G. Britain to his Prussian Majesty, and went immediately to Potsdam to deliver them to him. 'Tis said they relate to the Marriage of the Prince Royal of Prussia with the Prince of Wales. The King is expected here this Day or Tomorrow.

Hague, Jan. 4, Advice being come to Vienna, from

from Count Wratislaw at the Russian Court, that the Czar persists in his Resolution of coming to Vienna, Orders have been repeated for repairing the Apartments of the Palace designed for that Prince.

'Tis advised from Moscow, That the Emperor of Russia, as he was coming out of a General Council, had declared his Aunt the Princess Elisabeth, Sister to the late Duchess of Holstein-Gottorp, Grand Princess of Russia.

London, Decem. 28. We hear that his R. Highness the Prince has given above 100 Guineas in Charity since Christmas.

A Sett of Italian Singers are hired to come over against Spring to perform in the Operas.

From the Evening Post, Decem. 28.

Cologn, Decem. 24. 'Tis reported by some, that the Duke de Riperda passed thro' here Incog. and proceeded farther into Germany.

Paris, Decem. 31. We learn from Turin, that the King of Sardinia designs to pass the Winter at La Venere, because the Prince of Piedmont has never yet had the Small Pox, which is very rife, and makes great Havock at Turin.

London, Decem. 28. A Squadron of 18 Sail of Men of War will soon be fitted out on some Expedition.

We hear that 2 new Regiments will speedily be raised in Ireland.

S. S. Stock, 96, 5 8ths.

Haddington, Decem. 27. 1728.

Best Wheat,	09 15 00.	2d, 09 00 00	3d, 08 10 00
Best Bear,	09 00 00.	2d, 08 16 00	3d, 08 08 00
Best Oats,	07 00 00.	2d, 06 16 00	3d, 06 00 00
Best Pease,	07, 00 00.	2d, 06 14 00	3d, 06 00 00

This Day, it is High Water at Leith, at 11 a-clock, 56 Minutes. Tomorrow, at 12, 44 Min. On Saturday, at 1, 23 Min.

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ADVERTISEMENTS.

To be sold by Roup to the highest Bidder, at Thorhill in the Shire of Drumfries, upon the 16th of February next, a large WOOD of fine old OAK Timber, growing upon the Barony of Keir, about 7 miles from the Town of Drumfries. The Conditions to be seen in the Hands of John Dalrymple of Waterside, at his House near Thorhill, or John Neilson of Chapel, at his House in Drumfries, or Thomas Goldie Writer to the Signet, at his Writing-chamber in Brounhill's Square, Laund-market, Edinburgh.

To be Sold.

A LODGING consisting of Six Fire-Rooms, (being the Fourth Storey of Elphinstone's Land, entering up the Scale-Steps at the Head of Kinloch's Close, on the South-side of the High Street, Edinburgh) with a Cellar belonging thereto. Whoever inclines to purchase, may enquire at HEW FLEMING, Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber, 18 Stair of the Luckenbooths, next the Crois.

The Latin School of MUSSELBURGH being now vacant by the Death of the worthy Mr. Laurence Stoddart, The Magistrates and Town Council of the said Burgh, do hereby invite all Persons, who judge themselves duly qualified for that Office, and are willing to undergo a comparative Trial before competent Judges for the same, to attend at the House of Thomas Tod Clerk of Musselburgh, on Saturday the Eighteenth of January Inst. by ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, in order to their undergoing their said Trial. The Candidates are likewise desired at any Time before, to lodge in the said Clerk's Hands proper Certificates of their past Behaviour. They may expect that Justice will be impartially done them, and no Person preferred shall meet with all due Encouragement from the Magistrates and Council.

These are to advertise, That the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the EDINBURGH FRIENDLY INSURANCE against Losses by Fire, is to be held on Monday the 13th of January Inst. in Mary's Chapel in Niddry's Wynd, at 3 a'clock after Noon.